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TO: Regional Directors

Directors, Local Health Departments

Directors, Independent WIC Local Agencies

Chief, Bureau of Regional/Local Health Operations

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SUBJECT: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

(WIC) State Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

For your information, the WIC State Plan for Fiscal Year 2002 can be found on the WIC web site at: http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/wichd/gi/fy2002.htm. WIC submits a plan of operations, goals, and objectives annually to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for approval to operate the program in the coming year. Of particular interest to local agencies and regional directors may be the section of the plan entitled "Goals and Objectives." Four areas of focus were selected around which to build our goals for this fiscal year: quality, integrity, respect (customer service) and serving 100% of our potentially eligible population. Within each of these, program areas developed goals/objectives/activities specific to their areas of responsibility.

Representatives from the Texas Association of Local WIC Directors (TALWD) attended a retreat with staff from the state agency in a collaborative planning session to develop the goals established in the state plan. The plan was submitted to USDA in August and is pending approval. Periodically during the year we will post updates showing our progress in meeting these goals and objectives.

If you have any questions or comments on any part of the Plan, please contact:

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We welcome your input.